

COPY OF DECEMBER 3, 2002 E-MAIL FROM ROGER BRADEN CONCERNING TARIFF WORK GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

This e-mail is to tell you about an adjustment in the schedule for RTO West tariff development work over the next six to eight weeks.

The filing utilities, in reviewing the progress that the Tariff and Market Design Work Groups have made so far and some outstanding issues in other key areas, have concluded that further development work on the tariff will be more efficient if: (1) everyone has some time to thoroughly review and evaluate the work that has been done to date; and (2) the filing utilities focus intensively on resolving some crucial open questions related to the Stage 2 proposal.

With this in mind, the filing utilities will focus on these questions over the next six to eight weeks. In particular, they hope to make substantial progress with respect to: (a) facilities inclusion; (b) issues that bear on the participation in RTO West of entities that are not FERC-jurisdictional; (c) working through concerns related to how "definite" the terms of the RTO West Transmission Operating Agreement can be; (d) addressing concerns about whether the concept of Catalogued Transmission Rights will effectively achieve its intended objective; and (e) responding to FERC expectations for SSG-WI activities and filings.

Given this, we have been asked to defer meetings of the Tariff Work Group while the filing utilities work on the foregoing issues. This is being done in part because many of the people who are needed to work on these matters are the same people who have been dedicating much of their time to the tariff and market design efforts. The filing utilities believe that by freeing up those parties to iron out these key issues earlier, rather than later, everyone will benefit.

We don't have new dates yet, but we will be open to suggestions from all of you at the December 12 RRG meeting as to what will make the most sense. We would like to reassure you that the filing utilities have no intent to submit tariff provisions before the Tariff Work Group has had a chance to work further on tariff materials (including the Market Design Work Group's materials) and issues that are vital to a tariff filing.

We will post notice on the website and issue an email through the exploder list as soon as we are given directions to renew Tariff Work Group meetings.

Thank you,

Roger Braden